Permission to NRIs to invest in Narmada-Sardar Sarovar debentures

930. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would make selective exceptions for attracting debentures for State Government's huge projects like Narmada-Sardar Sarovar dam and canals involving escalating expenditures of Rs. 12000 crores and highly profitable returns; and

(b) whether Government would permit NRIs to invest in Narmada-Sardar Sarovar debentures so that foreign exchange may accrue to Government?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) According to the present policy, only Central Government Public Sector Undertakings have been allowed to issue bonds. Consideration of a proposal to raise resources from non-Resident Indians for the Sardar Sarovar Project by floating 'India Unity Certificates' has been deferred, for the time being.

Comprehensive agricultural policy

931. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would come forward with comprehensive agricultural policy in near or coming future; and

(b) what are the major recommendations and observations of Shri Sharad Joshi Committee; and also those which are going to be accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) On receipt of the comments from the State Governments and others on a draft agricultural policy resolution circulated in March, 1991, further action will be considered.

(b) The Standing Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Sharad Joshi, had in a document entitled 'National Agricultural Policy' sent its comments on an original draft of Agricultural Policy Resolution prepared by the Department of Agriculture. The Committee's observations and formulations were considered when the final draft was prepared by the Government for circulation amongst the State Governments and Agricultural Universities. The Policy is yet to be finalised.

दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा अधिगृहीत की गई भूमि

932. श्री रणजीत सिंह : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा दिसम्बर, 1990 तक अधिगृहीत की गई भूमि के बड़े भाग पर लोगों ने अनधिकृत कब्जा कर लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा दिसम्बर, 1990 तक अधिगृहीत की गई खाली भूमि का कुल क्षेत्रफल कितना था;

(ग) लोगों द्वारा अनधिकृत रूप से कब्जा की गई भूमि का कुल क्षेत्रफल कितना है और इस भूमि के कुल कितने भाग में गंदी बस्तियां बस चुकी हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने खाली भूमि की सुरक्षा के लिए कोई प्रबंध किए हैं; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो दण्डित किए गए व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है और भूमि पर अनधिकृत कब्जा होने देने के जिम्मेदार व्यक्तियों को प्रशासन ने किस प्रकार का दण्ड दिया है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम) : (क) से (ङ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Implementation of Cauvery water dispute Tribunal Award

933. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal, appointed by Central Government passed an interim Award directing the Government of Karnataka to release 205 TMC of water to Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka implemented the Award and whether the interim Award was notified by Central Government; and

(c) if so, what action Government of India is proposing for implementation of the Cauvery Water Tribunal Award?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal has in its interim order directed the State of Karnataka to release water from its reservoirs in Karnataka so as to ensure that 205 TMC of water is available in Tamil Nadu's Mettur Reservoir in a year from June to May. The Tribunal has also laid down that this year the order is to be effective from 1st July, 1991. Notification of the order is not considered necessary to make the order effective.

Increase in efficiency of labour

934. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to make the labour more productive and accountable in the overall interest of the country and also in the interest of the organised labour itself; and

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to bring efficiency to the levels of developed American and European Countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY): (a) and (b) The Government have been making efforts to create conditions for achieving higher productivity of labour in industry, *inter-alia* through provision of facilities for education and vocational training of workers and promotion of participation of workers in management. Apart from motivation and skill of workers, productivity of labour is also dependent on other factors such as the nature and the level of technology, the condition of plant and machinery the availability of raw materials and utilities and organisational efficiency.

Steps to settle inter-State water disputes

935. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating any concrete steps to settle Inter-State disputes as to sharing Inter-State river Water;

(b) whether Government propose to set up a statutorily authorised permanent Inter-State river water commission to settle inter-State river water disputes among the States; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) For amicable settlement of inter-State issues in water resources between the States, a Standing Committee of the National Water Resources Council has been constituted in April, 1990.

(b) Various suggestions in this respect have been made from time to time. The Government will examine all these suggestions including that of setting up River Valley Authorities.